

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An improved structure for a nominally floorless hikers' shelter having a raised, tensioned waterproof canopy supported off the ground at a front end and at a rear end, comprising:

a shelter canopy having a catenary ridgeline tensioned between a higher, vertical front support and front canopy edge defining a vertical front door, and a lower, outwardly-cantilevered rear arch support and rear canopy edge defining a screened but otherwise unprotected outwardly-angled rear opening, wherein the rear arch support is tensioned by a downwardly-angled rear awning that forms a tensioned extension of the canopy through the rear arch support, the rear awning being coextensive with the canopy at the rear arch support, the rear awning extending downwardly and rearwardly at an acute angle relative to the rear arch support to a lower edge raised off the ground when the shelter canopy is raised off the ground, the rear awning being exclusive weather protection for the rear opening.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the vertical front support comprises a vertical straight pole supporting a central peak point of the front canopy edge in an A-frame configuration.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the vertical front support comprises a vertical arch pole supporting a the front canopy edge of the canopy in an arch configuration.

Claim 4 (original): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the side edges of the shelter canopy are straight.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the shelter canopy has an insect netting perimeter hanging from front, rear, and side edges of the canopy and defining a nominally floorless area under the canopy.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 5 An improved structure for a nominally floorless hikers' shelter having a raised, tensioned waterproof canopy supported off the ground at a front end and at a rear end, comprising:

a shelter canopy having a catenary ridgeline tensioned between a higher, vertical front support and a lower, outwardly-cantilevered rear arch support, wherein the shelter canopy has an insect netting perimeter hanging from front, rear, and side edges of the canopy and defining a nominally floorless area under the canopy, and wherein a reinforced floor attachment structure is secured to the rear arch support, and a rear portion of the insect netting is secured to the reinforced floor attachment structure.

Claim 7 (original): The shelter structure of claim 6, wherein an elastic floor attachment structure is secured to a front portion of the canopy to be coupled to a forward portion of an optional floor.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 7 6, wherein a reinforced floor attachment structure is secured to the front support, and a forward portion of the insect netting is secured to the reinforced floor attachment.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): The shelter structure of claim 1 An improved structure for a nominally floorless hikers' shelter having a raised, tensioned waterproof canopy supported off the ground at a front end and at a rear end, comprising:

a shelter canopy comprising a front support at a front entry end and a lower rear arch support, wherein the vertical front support is tensioned by a single guyline one or more guylines, and the rear arch support is tensioned by three guylines spaced along the rear arch support and converging to a single stake point rear arch support guylines comprising two outer lines and one central line, the outer lines formed by the ends of a single outer cord secured to opposing sides of the arch support and bisected by the central line, wherein the central line is slidably connected to the outer cord, and wherein the central line has a length greater than a maximum extended distance of the outer cord from the rear arch support, such that an intermediate portion of the central line can be staked rearwardly of the outer cord to simultaneously stake and tension all of the rear arch support guylines.

Claims 11-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (original): The shelter structure of claim 1, wherein the canopy includes a front awning extending from the front end of the canopy beyond the vertical front support, the front awning angled downwardly at an acute angle to the vertical front support.